

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image processing apparatus comprising:
 - an image-processing history storing unit operable to store details of image processing performed for a medical image of a patient to correspond to a name of said patient;
 - an image acquisition unit operable to newly obtain a name of a patient and a medical image in such a manner that they correspond to each other;
 - an image-processing details extraction unit operable to extract said details of said image processing stored in said image-processing history storing unit to correspond to said name of said patient newly obtained by said image acquisition unit; and
 - an image processing unit operable to perform image processing having details that are the same as said details of said image processing thus extracted, for said medical image newly obtained by said image acquisition unit.
2. An image processing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said image-processing history storing unit stores said medical image of said patient in such a manner that said medical image correspond to said name of said patient and a name of a site of said patient,
 - said image acquisition unit further obtains a name of a site newly, and
 - said image-processing details extraction unit extracts said details of said image processing stored in said image-processing history storing unit to correspond to said name of said patient and said name of said site that were newly obtained by said image acquisition unit.

3. An image processing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said image-processing history storing unit stores said details of said image processing that was performed for said medical image when diagnosis based on said medical image was input in an electronic medical chart.

4. An image processing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said image-processing history storing unit stores details of an operation related to a frequency that was performed for said medical image in order to diagnose a disease/injury of said patient, as said details of said image processing.

5. An image processing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said image-processing history storing unit stores a range of an intensity of brightness of said medical image that was selected for diagnosis of a disease/injury of said patient, as said details of said image processing.

6. An image processing apparatus comprising:

an image-processing history storing unit operable to store details of image processing performed for a medical image of a patient in such a manner that said details of said image processing correspond to a name of a disease/injury of said patient that was diagnosed;

an image acquisition unit operable to newly obtain a name of a disease/injury and a medical image;

an image-processing details extraction unit operable to extract said details of said image processing stored in said image-processing history storing unit in such a manner that said details of said image processing correspond to said name of said

disease/injury newly obtained by said image acquisition unit;
and

an image processing unit operable to perform image processing having details that are the same as extracted said details of said image processing, for said medical image newly obtained by said image acquisition unit.

7. An image processing apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein said image-processing history storing unit stores said details of said image processing in such a manner that said details of said image processing correspond to said name of said disease/injury as well as a name of a site,

said image acquisition unit further obtains a name of a site to correspond to said medical image newly obtained, and

said image-processing details extraction unit extracts said details of said image processing stored in said image-processing history storing unit, to correspond to said name of said disease/injury and said name of said site that were newly obtained by said image acquisition unit.

8. An image processing apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein said image-processing history storing unit stores said details of said image processing in such a manner that said details of said image processing correspond to said name of said disease/injury as well as a type of said patient,

said image acquisition unit further obtains a type of a patient to correspond to said medical image newly obtained, and

said image-processing details extraction unit extracts said details of said image processing stored in said image-processing history storing unit, to correspond to said

name of said disease/injury and said type of said patient that were newly obtained by said image acquisition unit.

9. An image processing apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein said image-processing history storing unit stores said details of said image processing in such a manner that said details of said image processing correspond to said name of said disease/injury as well as a name of a doctor who performed said image processing,

said image acquisition unit further obtains a name of a doctor to correspond to said medical image newly obtained, and

said image-processing details extraction unit extracts said details of said image processing stored in said image-processing history storing unit, to correspond to said name of said disease/injury and said name of said doctor that were newly obtained by said image acquisition unit.

10. An image processing apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein said image-processing details extraction unit extracts one way of said image processing for which a number of used times is the largest, from a plurality of ways of said image processing stored in said image-processing history storing unit to correspond to said name of said disease/injury newly obtained by said image acquisition unit.

11. An image processing apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein said image-processing history storing unit stores said details of said image processing when diagnosis based on said medical image was input in an electronic medical chart.

12. An image processing apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein, when an electronic medical chart was selected,

said image acquisition unit obtains said medical image and said name of said disease/injury that are attached to said selected electronic medical chart,

said image-processing details extraction unit extracts said details of said image processing that are stored to correspond to said name of said disease/injury newly obtained by said image acquisition unit from said electronic medical chart, from said image-processing history storing unit, and

said image processing unit performs image processing having details that are the same as those extracted, for said medical image newly obtained by said image acquisition unit from said electronic medical chart.